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corrected copy of the town plan of Korce together with
the latest available information on the town of Korce in southern Albania.

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2. Enclosed as an attachment is the annotated town plan of Korce with corrections and additions [redacted]

Paragraphs and sub-paragraphs that follow are keyed to reference for easier identification:

- a. Bulevard i Shen Gjergjit is now known as Bulevard Republika. *See your memo*
- b. Surfaces of the important streets are asphalted and in fair condition, but are very narrow.
- c. The sewer systems are parallel to the streets [redacted]
[redacted] See para 8 below.

3. Airfields [redacted] Wooden barracks that were constructed [redacted] in 1942 at the South side airfield have been torn down and no others have been built. Nothing remains at the South side airfield except the runway [redacted] The North side airfield has barracks [redacted].

4. The only military installations [redacted] were the Main barracks area South of town and military hospital as shown on [redacted] annotated plan as unidentified buildings. 50X1-HUM

5. Clarification on former prefecture and government buildings:

- a. Number 4 on attachment has been used as a prefecture and also former municipal building, but not known if used as a hotel, military headquarters or fire station. Presently used as Executive Committee for Rreth of Korce.

- b. Unknown [redacted]

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c. Number 3 on attachment is former prefecture of Korce, now used as Executive Committee for QARK of Korce. Unknown if used as a military headquarters at present, was division headquarters in 1952-1953. Also used for a prison as shown on [] plan.

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d. The former Municipal building did house the Executive Committees for Qark and Rreth of Korce from 1950-1953, but now is only the Executive Committee for Rreth of Korce. (see paras 5a and 5c above).

e. Unknown.

f. Civil hospital confirmed, shown as #21 in attachment, adjacent buildings #22 is believed to be the sanitorium and #23 as prison hospital. Technical school was hospital during WW II but not known if reverted back to a school.

g. Subject could not recall locations and types of schools except as mentioned in para (f) above.

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6. Estimated population of Korce in 1954 was between 30-35,000. []

[] AIPL considers everybody living in Albania as an Albanian). The postwar population is approximately 60% Christian and 40% Moslems.

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[] In prewar days the Moraves River was the boundary line for Orthodox and Moslems. The Orthodox occupied the North and Moslems the South, but in the postwar period [] had changed and no boundary exists. They congregate and live together.

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Map does not show the new built-up area which is located in the area of the civil hospital north and south of the Moraves River and extending to the east. (see attachment).

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[] the Korce area [] was the healthiest area in Albania.

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7. Main electric power supply comes from the Vithkuq hydro station and an auxillary (diesel) station exists as annotated on [] plan. Capacity of plant is unknown, but it has 220 volts direct current. Conservation of power exists in the summer due to low water.

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8. Main water supply is from Vithkuq, and in addition there are two reservoirs, one located as shown on your annotated T Plan and the other is directly below, which is shown on our attachment as number 20.

Gas is nonexistent in Korce. Sewerage system in Korce is considered the best in the country. It is a closed underground system that is throughout the city. Garbage is collected every two days. Had not heard of any piped in water supply from any wells or springs.

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9. [redacted] All of the largest and 50X1-HUM
 best restaurants are located on Boulevard Republika. The Palace and Roma hotels
 [redacted] are confirmed only as hotels [redacted]
 [redacted] State Bank also confirmed. 50X1-HUM

Theatre located as shown on attachment was called the Majestic but changed to the Morava.

10. [redacted] the five most used bridges on the Morava River as shown on attachment. Left of #13, other bridges exist but they are not for vehicles. Unsafe even for pedestrians. 50X1-HUM

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Structure</u>	<u>Capacity</u>
#13	Ura i Lumit	Concrete	Unknown
14	Ura Italianit	Concrete	Unknown
15	Unknown	Wood	Light vehicles only
16	Unknown	Wood	Pedestrians only
17	Unknown	Wood	Light vehicles only

Notes: #16 is a type of suspension bridge that sways when walking on it.

The Morava River normally has water all year round, but on occasions when a dry spell occurs it dries up. During the winter with heavy rains and also during the spring thaws, the river overflows its banks and causes considerable damage to the city. [redacted] the first 50X1-HUM
 5 year plan had a project planned for the river and it was to have started in Dersnik to divert the river and change its course so as to by-pass Korce, and then fill in the river bed in the city and make it into a main boulevard. 50X1-HUM

11. Bus schedules between;
 Korce and Bilisht - 3 times per week
 Korce and Leskovik - 3 or 4 times per week
 Korce and Permet - 2 times per week
 Korce and Qjinokaster - 2 times per week
 Korce and Elbasan - 2 buses daily

In addition to the above schedules, cargo trucks are also used for passengers whenever one leaves from Korce. Cargo trucks are not loaded to their capacities because a state law exists to carry passengers.

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12. [redacted] Location of Post and Telegraph building on [redacted] Plan is confirmed [redacted] also the telephone central is located together with the telegraph central.

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Telegraph and telephone lines usually follow the main roads as mentioned and also cross country at times. [redacted]

[redacted] no private telephones existed. [redacted]

[redacted] many people had them.

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13. [redacted] general security control measures [redacted] as follows 50X1-HUM

- a. Any person arriving from out of town and register in a hotel must surrender his passport to the hotel manager. The hotel manager takes the passport to the Office of Pashaportezimit of town district. Pasaporti is then stamped and returned to owner.
- b. Any person arriving from out of town and goes to stay with a friend or relative, the head of the house makes the visitor sign the house register. Head of house follows same procedure as mentioned in para 13a above.

See attachment for locations of Sigurimi Headquarters, offices and prison.

14. Wheat, corn, sugar beets, potatoes, beans, onions and other vegetables are grown in the area of Korce and are shipped throughout the country. The country had approximately 400 state cooperatives and Subject claims the majority of them are located in the Korce area and are organized the best.

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15. [redacted] there is no glass factory [redacted] the tanning, shoe and soap factories are located as indicated on [redacted] town plan.

16. High towers of Korce consists of two churches, three mosques, power plant, radio station and tannery.

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KEY TO CORRECTED ANNOTATED MAP

1. Youth Committee for Qark.
2. CP Committee for Qark.
3. Former Prefecture of Korce. Now Executive Committee for Qark and Prison.
4. Executive Committee for Rreth of Korce.
5. Sigurimi Headquarters
6. Sigurimi Offices
7. Sigurimi Forces and offices, also prison cells.
8. Radio and Broadcasting Station.
9. Theatre and Movie House.
10. Cultural Arts Building.
11. Bus Station.
12. Court House
13. Ura i Lumit (Bridge)
14. Ura Italamit (Bridge)
15. Name unknown (Bridge)
16. Name unknown (Bridge)
17. Name unknown (Bridge)
18. Statue of Unknown Soldier moved from 1st location in 1954.
19. Military hospital area.
20. Reservoir.
21. Civil Hospital.
22. Sanitorium.
23. Prison Hospital.

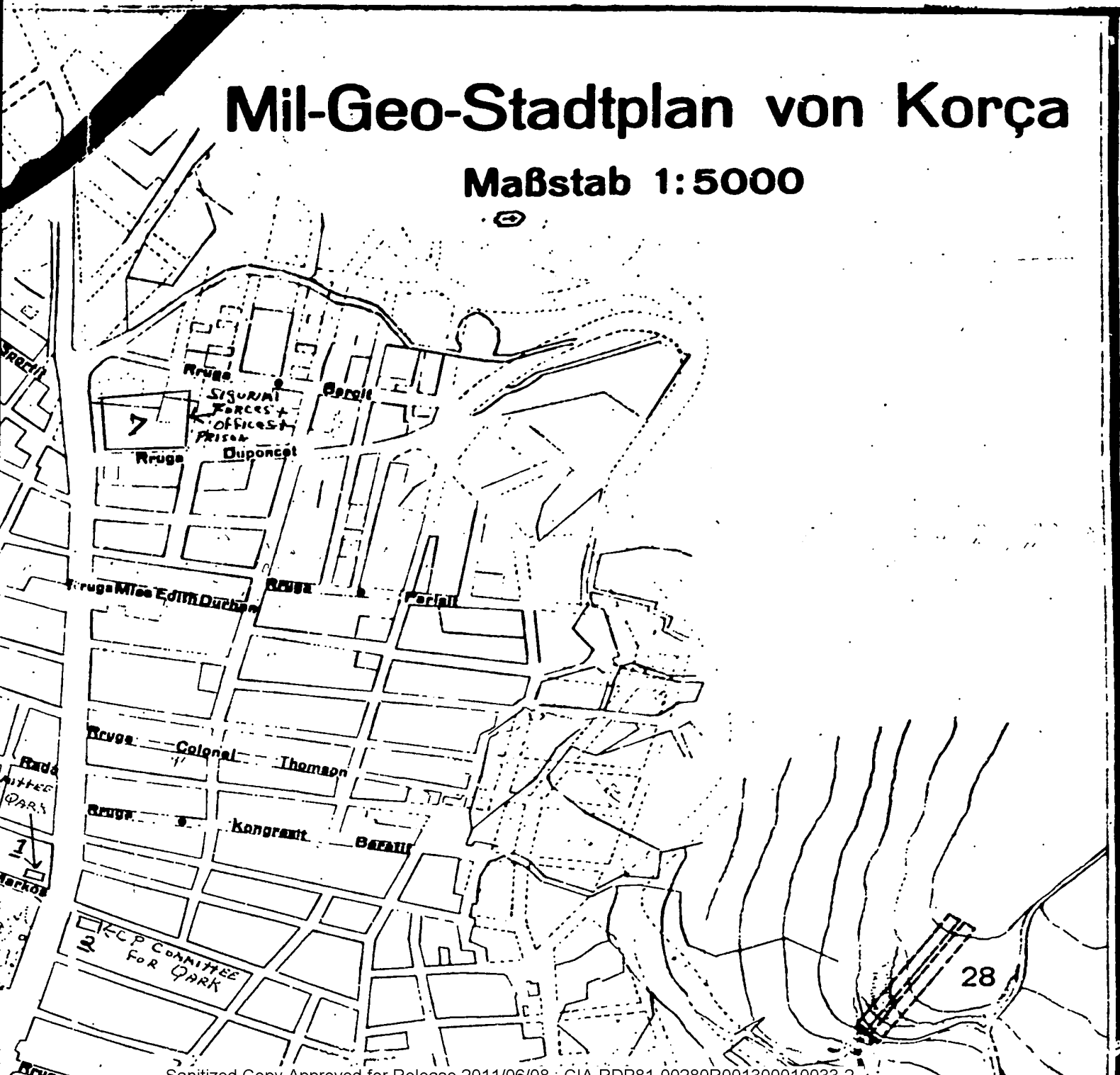
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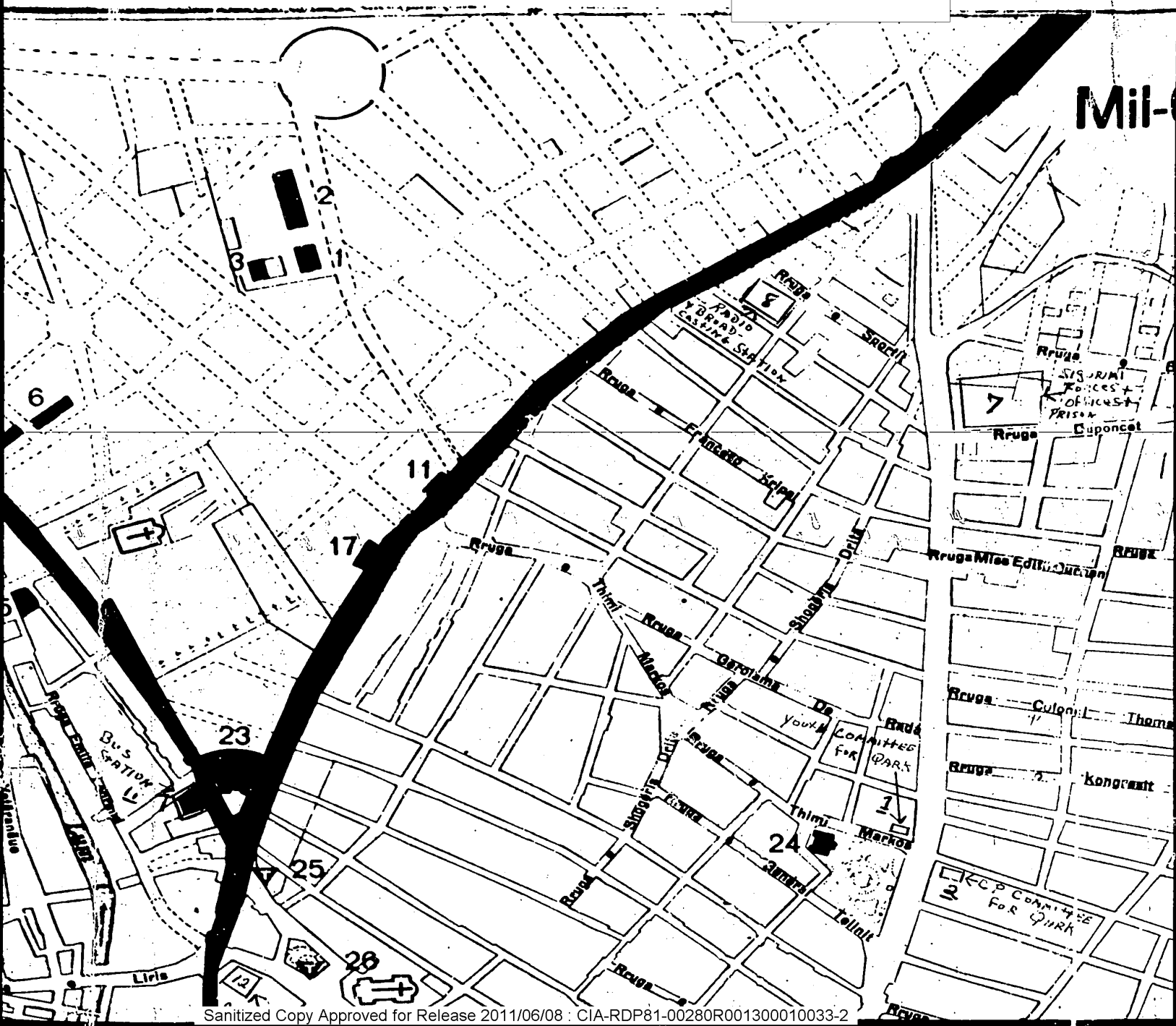
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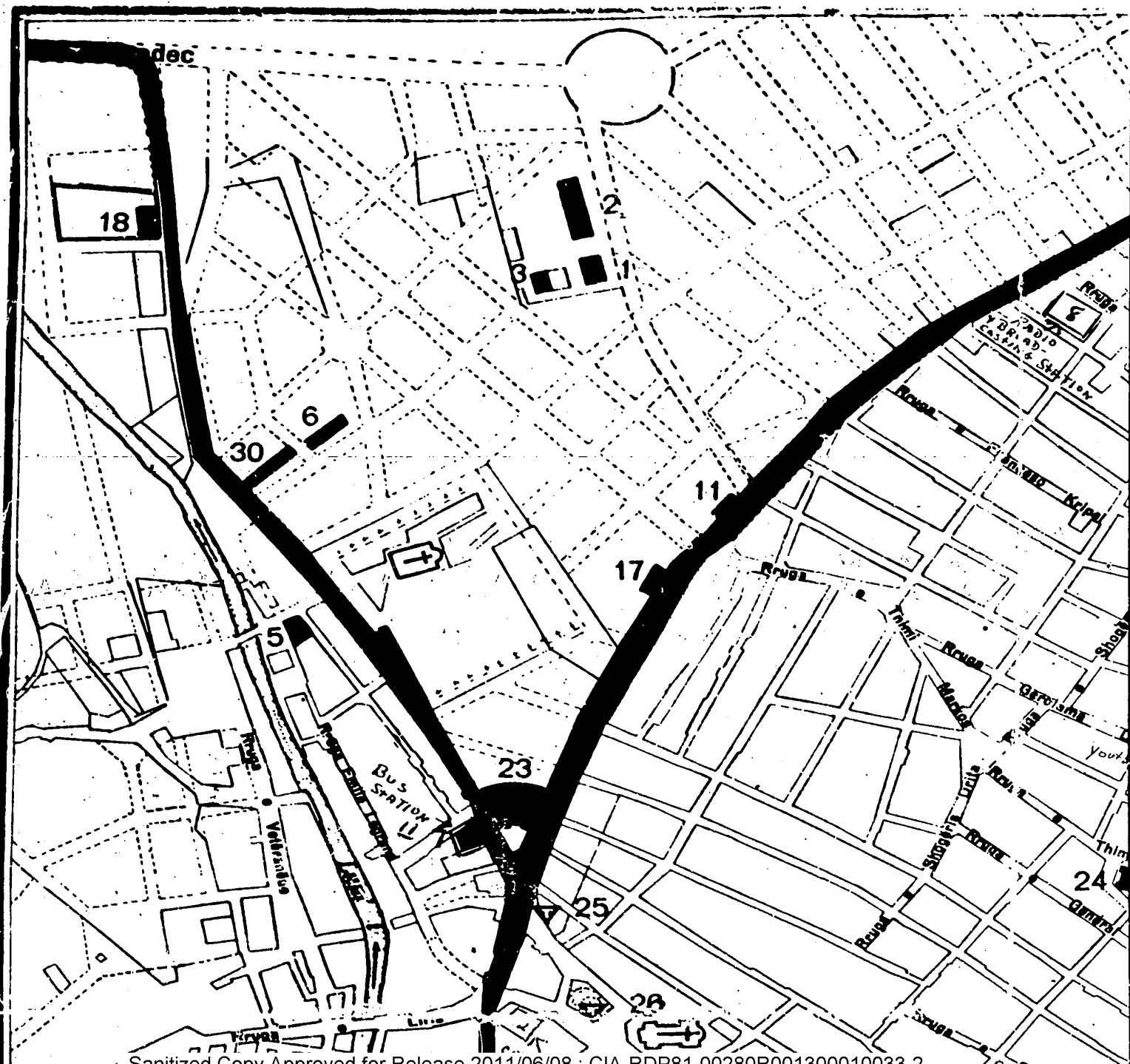
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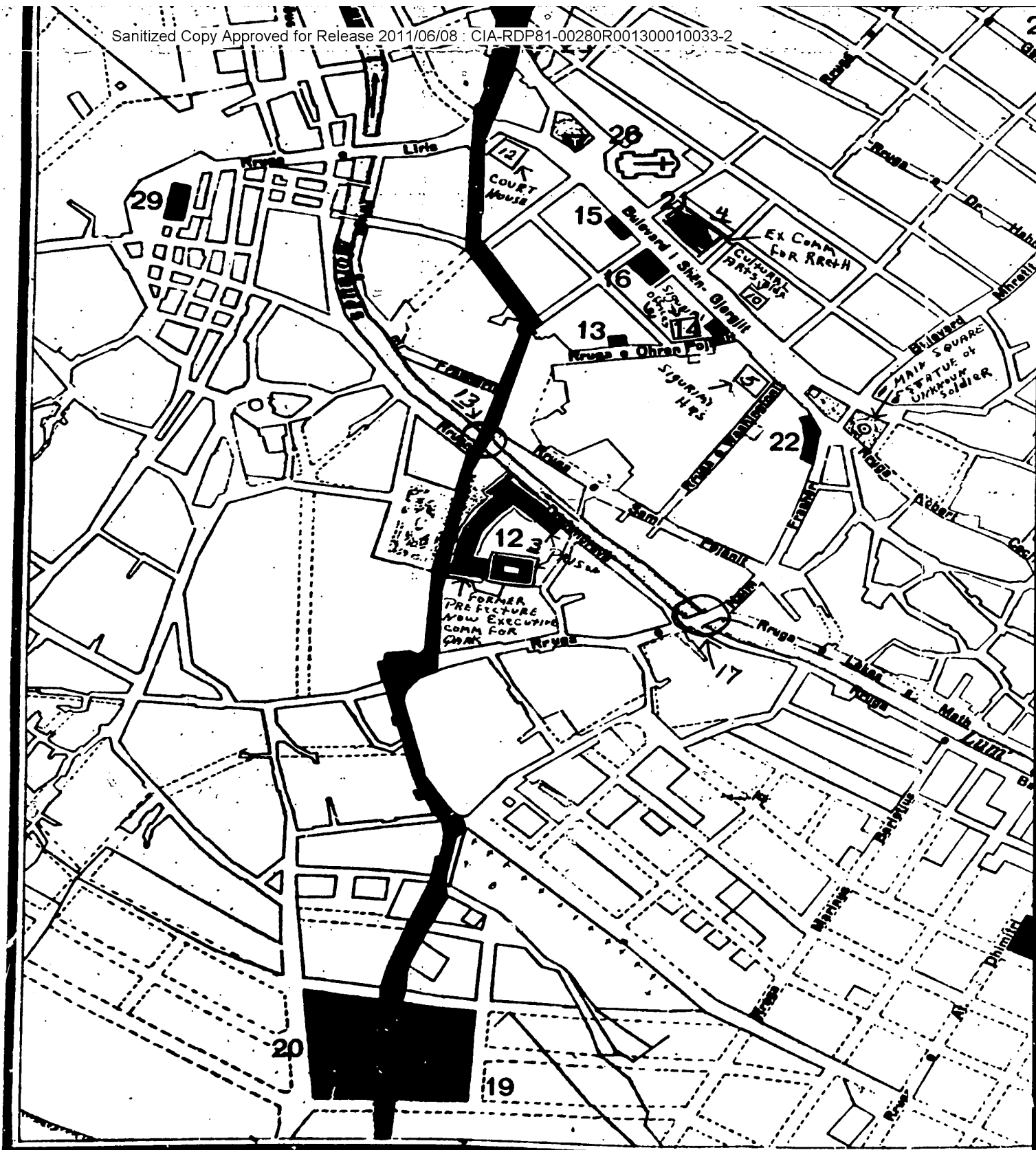


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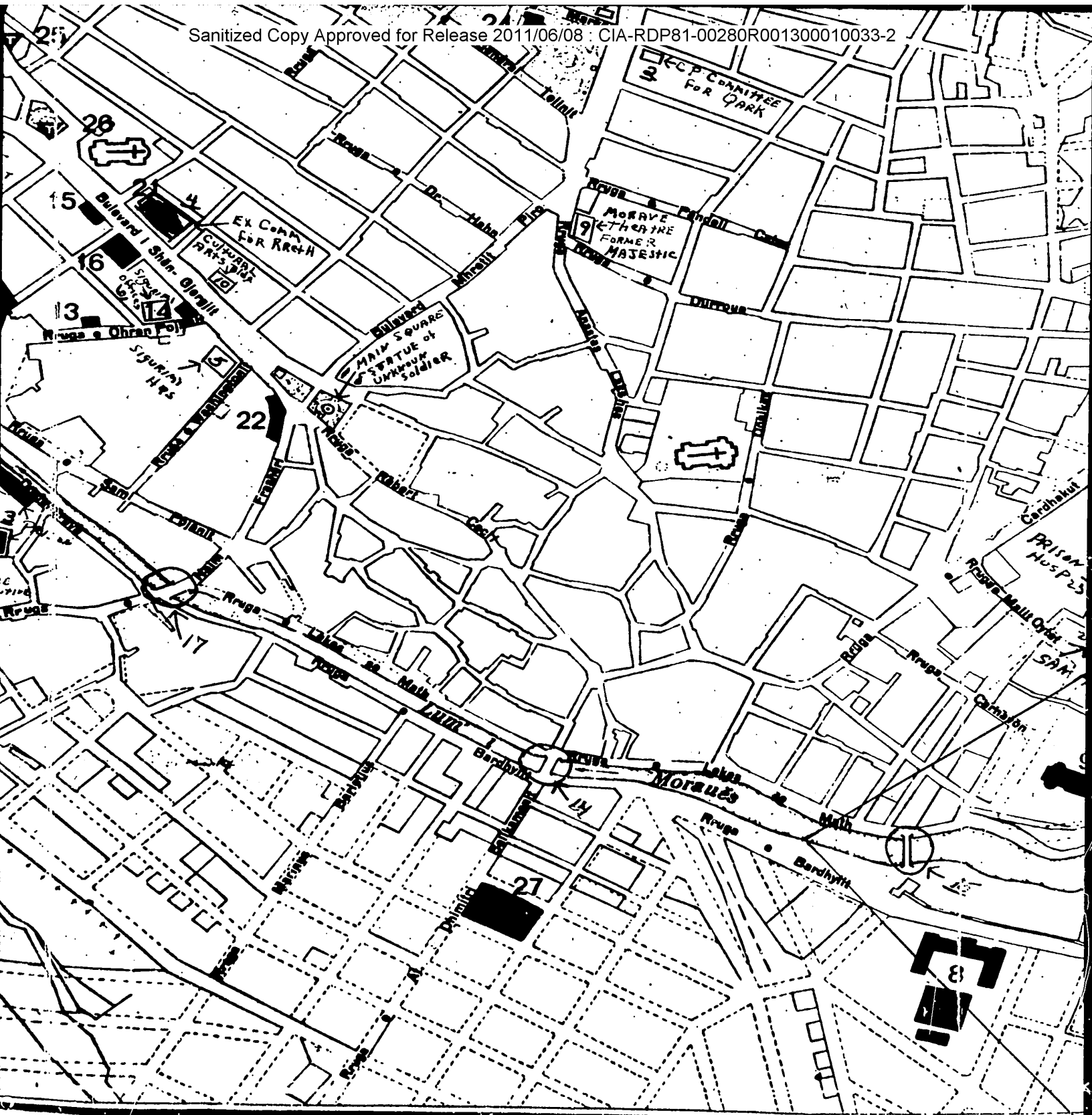
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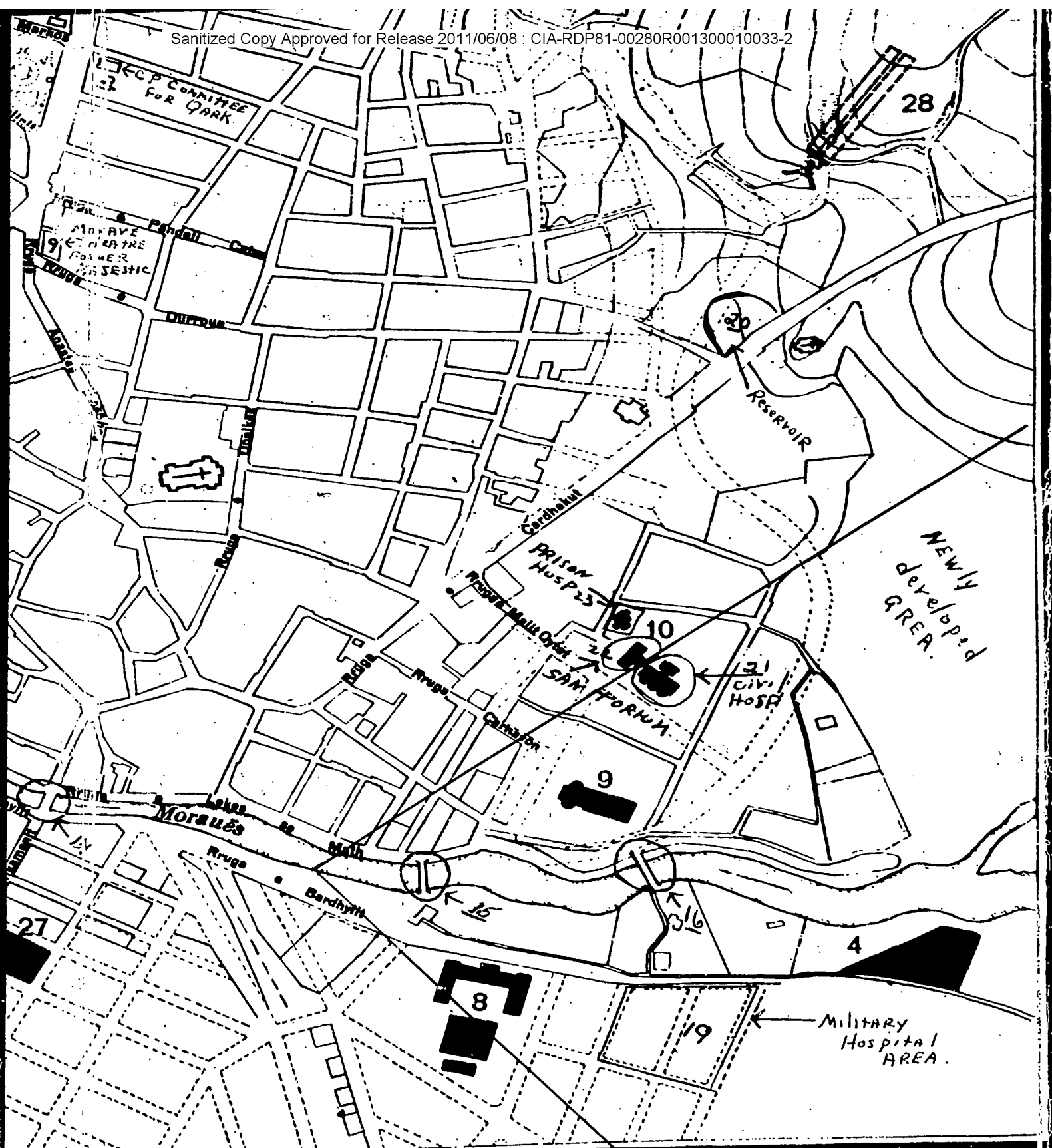
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